

**Lanesboro Public Utilities**

**Council Chambers**

**12:00 p.m., November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Member(s) Present: Evenson, O'Connor & Schuck**

**Absent:**

**Visitors: Jerod Wagner, Jim Peterson and Bobbie Vickerman**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evenson. The agenda was approved with a motion by Evenson, second by Schuck, motion carried. The minutes of the Regular Utilities meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>, were approved with a motion by Schuck, second by Evenson, motion carried.

**PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

N/A

**HOUSEKEEPING:**

**Paying of the Bills:** O'Connor made a motion to pay the bills as presented and any additional standard bills that come after the meeting this month with the review of the bills occurring by Peterson and Vickerman, second Schuck, motion carried.

**Past Due Accounts:** A follow up by Vickerman on the Pottebaum balance was requested and discussion also occurred about the Benson Subdivision. Vickerman was asked to seek out answers to both questions.

**UMMPA Updates:** Wagner reported that he has been involved in some conference calls and noted that there will be some changes in the peak usage and how that is calculated for our reimbursement from Dairyland and will also change how Dairyland charges us for power. Wagner noted that there are many changes that will be occurring within the next year. Vickerman noted that Wagner is now on the Executive Board of UMMPA and is on the steering committee as well which will help our utility to be involved in decisions and also to find out information as it is brought to UMMPA's attention.

**Dam/Hydro:** Peterson noted that he has been running the Hydro for the last three weeks.

**Budget 2010:** Vickerman stated that she and Wagner have been working on the budget and she hopes to have a budget prepared for the next meeting with footnotes regarding the capital projects outlined in the budget. Vickerman also noted that she felt the Council and PU need to work again on the CIP plan with Mike Bubany from David Drown & Associates to reevaluate the needed projects.

**Smart Meter:** Wagner reviewed the Smart Meter grant noting that it is not for the meters that he was considering, however the software portion would be beneficial for the Utilities. He also noted that the downtown businesses may be able to benefit from the Smart Meter. He stated that he will work on getting some figures as to what it would cost for the installation and noted that UMMPA would be providing some information and webinars regarding the smart meters.

**Insurance:** Vickerman noted that the Council had renewed the Property, Auto and Liability insurance with LMCIT, but also needs a motion from the Public Utilities. O'Connor made a motion to renew the LMCIT insurance with the does not waive choice, second Evenson, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Vickerman brought up the subject of Health Insurance, since the employees have been working on getting quotes and ideas as to what to do about the high premiums. Vickerman noted that she would bring it up again at the next meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting stood adjourned at 12:43 p.m. on a motion by Evenson, second by Schuck, motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman  
City Administrator/Clerk